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Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 20 September 2013, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-eighth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 37th and 47th meetings, on 7 May and 30 June 2014. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/68/SR.37 and 47).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013 (A/68/584);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015 (A/68/700);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/68/782/Add.7).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/68/L.50

4. At its 47th meeting, on 30 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus"

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(A/C.5/68/L.50), submitted by the Chair of the Committee on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Rwanda.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/68/L.50 without a vote (see para. 6).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

6. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 186 (1964) of 4 March 1964 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force, the latest of which was resolution 2135 (2014) of 30 January 2014, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Force until 31 July 2014,

Recalling also its resolution 47/236 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Force and its subsequent resolutions and decisions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 67/272 of 28 June 2013,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Force by certain Governments,

Noting that voluntary contributions were insufficient to cover all the costs of the Force, including those incurred by troop-contributing Governments prior to 16 June 1993, and regretting the absence of an adequate response to appeals for voluntary contributions, including that contained in the letter dated 17 May 1994 from the Secretary-General to all Member States,[3]

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Force with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of its resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006, 61/276 of 29 June 2007, 64/269 of 24 June 2010, 65/289 of 30 June 2011 and 66/264 of 21 June 2012, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus as at 30 April 2014, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 19.3 million United States dollars, representing some 4 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only

[1] A/68/584 and A/68/700.
[2] A/68/782/Add.7.
[3] S/1994/647.

53 Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Force in full;

4. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

5. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that proposed peacekeeping budgets are based on the relevant legislative mandates;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266, 61/276, 64/269, 65/289 and 66/264;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all action necessary to ensure that the Force is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

Budget performance report for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013

10. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the budget performance of the Force for the period from 1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015

11. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus the amount of 62,531,500 dollars for the period from 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, inclusive of 58,004,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Force, 3,753,300 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 773,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;

Financing of the appropriation

12. *Notes with appreciation* that a one-third share of the net appropriation, equivalent to 19,949,267 dollars, will be funded through voluntary contributions from the Government of Cyprus and the amount of 6.5 million dollars from the Government of Greece;

13. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 3,006,852 dollars for the period from 1 to 31 July 2014, in accordance with the levels updated

[4] A/68/584.

in its resolution 67/239 of 24 December 2012, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014, as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

14. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 223,641 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 198,033 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 19,850 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 5,758 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

15. *Further decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 33,075,381 dollars for the period from 1 August 2014 to 30 June 2015, at a monthly rate of 3,006,852 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2014 and 2015, as set out in its resolution 67/238, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Force;

16. *Decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 2,460,059 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 2,178,367 dollars approved for the Force, the prorated share of 218,350 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 63,342 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

17. *Also decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 638,101 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2013, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 67/239, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2013, as set out in its resolution 67/238;

18. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 638,101 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2013, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 17 above;

19. *Decides* that the increase of 183,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2013 shall be added to the credits in the amount of 638,101 dollars referred to in paragraphs 17 and 18 above;

20. *Also decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2013, that one third of the net unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 388,333 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2013 shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

21. *Further decides*, taking into account its voluntary contribution for the financial period ended 30 June 2013, that the prorated share of the net

unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 138,566 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2013 shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

22. *Decides* that, taking into account the provision in paragraph 19 of its resolution 67/272, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against the apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective additional share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 12,284 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 64/249 of 24 December 2009, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2012, as set out in its resolution 64/248 of 24 December 2009;

23. *Also decides* that, taking into account the provision in paragraph 20 of its resolution 67/272, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Force, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective additional share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the amount of 12,284 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 22 above;

24. *Further decides*, taking into account the provision in paragraph 22 of its resolution 67/272, that the additional amount of 44,200 dollars, representing one third of the unencumbered balance and other income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, shall be returned to the Government of Cyprus;

25. *Decides*, taking into account the provision in paragraph 23 of its resolution 67/272, that the additional amount of 15,016 dollars, representing the prorated share of the unencumbered balance and other income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2012, shall be returned to the Government of Greece;

26. *Also decides* to continue to maintain as separate the account established for the Force for the period prior to 16 June 1993, invites Member States to make voluntary contributions to that account, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in appealing for voluntary contributions to the account;

27. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

28. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Force under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

29. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Force in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

30. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-ninth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus".